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Members of the Environment and Public Works Committee
United States Senate
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Members of the Environment and Public Works Committee:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), I am writing to urge you to deliver legislation that addresses climate change to the floor of the U.S. Senate.

As the AAAS Board noted in its December 2006 statement on climate change (attached), “The scientific evidence is clear: global climate change caused by human activities is occurring now, and it is a growing threat to society.”

Timely and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are required to avoid dangerous interference with the climate. In addition, it is essential that we develop strategies to adapt to changes already underway and make vulnerable communities more resilient to future changes.

The AAAS Board concluded, “The time to control greenhouse gas emissions is now....Delaying action to address climate change will increase the environmental and societal consequences as well as the costs. The longer we wait to tackle climate change, the harder and more expensive the task will be.”

We encourage you to take action now to enable a debate on the Senate floor on how best to mitigate and adapt to climate change. AAAS, the world’s largest general scientific society, stands ready to work with you to address this critical issue.

Sincerely Yours,

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